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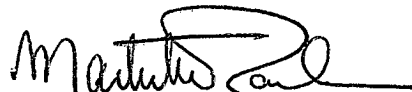
SUBJECT: Panama - Need for an Estimate

1. On Friday 22 July, 1988, we plan to hold a Pre-terms of Reference Meeting in Room 7D32, at CIA Headquarters from 1330-1430.

2. This meeting will examine the timing, utility and likely Terms of Reference (TOR) for a prospective NIE on Panama. Representatives should come prepared to present their agency's views on these questions. Presuming there is broad agreement on the need for an assessment, we hope to establish the parameters for the TOR, including how to treat bilateral U.S.-Panamanian topics and what is the most useful time frame for an estimate to consider. The meeting also will address key questions and gaps and potential drafting responsibilities. Please pass the names and clearances of attendees to

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